

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 37**

January 13, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Shortens the redemption period for property sold for property tax delinquency from two years to one year in all counties, and requires Shelby County to permit redemption of property within 90 days after confirmation of a tax sale by the court if all owners have waived interest in the property. Authorizes Shelby and Knox counties to begin collecting delinquent property taxes in the year they become delinquent. Prevents filing of lawsuits against property owners for delinquent property taxes if the governmental entity becomes the owner of the property.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease Local Revenue – Exceeds \$5,000**

Assumptions:

- According to the Comptroller, shortening the redemption period will cause a decrease in local government revenue exceeding \$5,000, because government-owned property is exempt from property taxes. Property taxes will not be paid until the property is purchased by a non-exempt person.
- The other provisions of this legislation will not have a fiscal impact and are for ad valorem taxation purposes only.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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